Amy Jones

January 28, 2013

There have been many influences that have led me into the profession of teaching. Most of them came from the experiences that I had as a student, and how I wish that teachers had taught me different, or reacted differently or even the feelings that they in some way made me feel. The other influences that made me want to be a teacher are the environments in which I have been able to be in. Since I was young I was able to help coaches teach younger kids many different activities; the feelings I got when they kids finally understood or improved with the help from me are indescribable.

At first I didn’t know what I wanted to teach or the level. I started my college career in the secondary education field with my concentration being math. I then changed to a community health: school education major but quickly changed to elementary education at the college I went to in Georgia. After doing some thinking of what I ideally wanted to do with my life. I finally came to a resting point in the community health school education major for a couple reasons. I decided to go with the community health because this let me get certified in grades K-12 which I love. I also picked the community health concentration because it seems to encompass all of what I see myself doing.

I think that the way I learn may differ from many, although they way I hope to teach will be beneficially for almost all. I personally learn best when there are no distractions and when I am actually interested in what the teacher is teaching. I plan to bring this into my future classroom. I want my students to want to learn about what I am teaching, and for that to work I will need to make the way I present the material exciting and interesting.

My expectations of what I hope my class will be is very delightful. I hope to have students be able to come to me for advice, mentoring or even with homework from other classes. I want to be the teacher that directs her students to be able to do anything they set their minds to. My fear with trying to be that teacher is what I really will be faced with. Will I be able to handle things that are not in my control? Will I be able to turn off my brain so it doesn’t constantly feel bad for the situations that I wasn’t able to help with?

I expect to learn and be able to incorporated ideas from this class that will further my learning in the teaching profession. I expect to learn the necessary tools for teaching that I have not learned about. I want to have the knowledge to asses my class and know whether they are beach ball, clip boards, microscopes and even the puppies. With that knowledge I want to be able to further my understandings of this key element in teaching and be able to teach in a way that all of my students will understand what I have to say and will learn the material in a way that is pleasant for them.